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In late June 1954, a conference was held at VEB Winkwerk (nationalized steel drawing works) at Delitzsch. The conference was attended by representatives of HW Eisenindustrie (Main Administration of the Iron Industry), HW Werkzeugmaschinenbau (Main Administration for Machine Tool Construction), and the chiefs of the material supply departments of the GDR roller bearing and ball bearing plants. On the basis of production quotas fixed for GDR ball bearing plants during the first quarter of 1954, a total of 1,250 tons of preburned blank steel is required. The preburning can only be done at VEB Winkwerk Delitzsch, the equipment of which is adequate for the preburning of 750 tons of steel per three-month period. In spite of this fact, the plant has accepted the order for the preburning of 1,250 tons of steel. The output of VEB Kugelscheiherfabrik (nationalized ball bearing plant) at Bad Liebenstein is hampered by the same difficulties. The deficit in the supply of balls needed by GDR roller bearing plants is to be eliminated by imports.

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